



CITY OF

SEQUIM

News

January 2017

**Meeting Dates & Locations**

The meetings are held at the Civic Center located at  
152 W. Cedar Street.

City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	1st Monday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting March 10—10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

**City Manager Weekly Reports Now Available on the City Website**

Each week City Manager Charlie Bush provides an update to the City Council regarding staff progress on Council goals, projects, and issues or concerns that have come to the City's attention. These updates are now posted on the City website <http://www.sequimwa.gov>.

**Coffee with the Mayor in January**

Meet Sequim Mayor Dennis Smith as the Coffee with the Mayor program continues in January. City Clerk and staff liaison to the City Arts Advisory Commission Karen Kuznek-Reese will join the Mayor at the Bell Creek Bar and Grill, located at 707 E.



City Clerk  
Karen Kuznek-Reese



Mayor  
Dennis Smith

Washington Street, at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 19. The Mayor will be available to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community. Please contact Dennis Smith at [dsmith@sequimwa.gov](mailto:dsmith@sequimwa.gov) with questions.



City Offices will be Closed on  
Monday, January 2 for New Years and on  
Monday, January 16  
for Martin Luther King Day.

**Congratulations Chief Crain!**

Sequim's new Police Chief Sheri Crain was sworn in by City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese during a public ceremony on Friday, December 16. Crain has served on the Sequim Police force since 1991 and replaces retired Police Chief Bill Dickinson.

**Join us for the Opening of  
Fired, Fused and Stained...All Things Glass  
Exhibit and Demonstrations**

Friday, January 6  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sequim Civic Center  
152 W. Cedar Street

**Demonstrations:**

**5:00—Millie Harrell**—Informal class on her stained glass process.

**5:30—Lizbeth Harper**—Will show the four stages a piece of glass goes through from raw glass to finished design.

**6:00—Joanna Hays**—Will demonstrate her process for creating glass beads.



The exhibit will be on display at the Civic Center until  
March 31, 2017.



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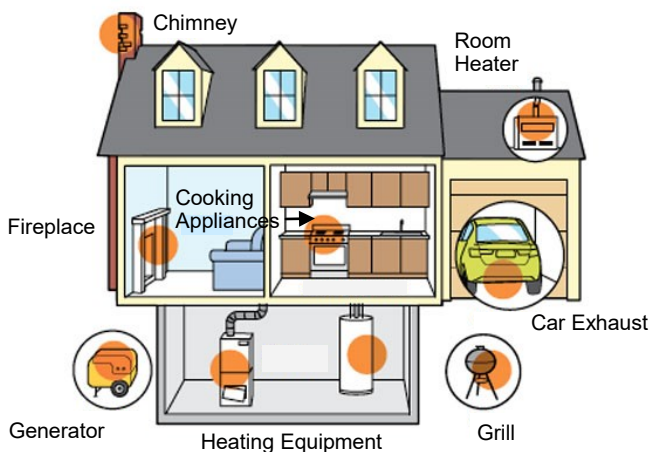
## Water Saving Tip of the Month

**Throughout the home—FIX LEAKY FAUCETS IMMEDIATELY.** A leaky faucet may simply need a new washer. Small faucet leaks can waste 20 gallons of water a day. Large leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.



## Be Aware of Carbon Monoxide Safety

### POTENTIAL DANGER ZONES



Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. Heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide in homes.

Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

Contact Building Services at 683-4908 for more information concerning CO safety.

## Remember to Turn Off Your Irrigation System

The winter season is upon us with cold and freezing weather. Remember to turn off the water to your irrigation sprinkler system to avoid frozen pipes and ice patches on walkways.

## WATER RATE INCREASE

Utility customers can expect to see a 2% increase in water rates on their February 1st bill. For a residential customer using 460 cubic feet of water per month, that translates to a \$0.51 increase in their bill. Sewer rates will stay static for residential customers in 2017.

## Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

To financially assist those struggling to meet their basic needs, utility rate reductions will be available for qualifying low income residents effective for January 2017 usage. If your income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines or \$25,000/year, you may be eligible. There is an additional net asset-based test to determine qualification. The exact amount of your discount will be administratively determined upon receipt of all applications. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their February 1st bill. **Even if you already receive the low income discount, all applicants must reapply annually.**

**Applications are due January 13, 2017** and are available at the following locations: Sequim Civic Center, DSHS, Sequim Community Aid, St. Vincent de Paul, Serenity House, United Way and the Sequim Senior Center. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at [www.sequimwa.gov](http://www.sequimwa.gov). Please don't hesitate to call the Finance Department at (360) 683-4139 with your questions.

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR HOTEL/MOTEL/RV AND ADULT CARE UTILITY ACCOUNTS

The 2017 utility bills for Hotel/Motel/RV and Adult Care facilities will change significantly from prior years. This change is an effort to establish equity between the amount of utility usage and the amount paid for that usage. A letter detailing these changes was mailed to all accounts with these classifications. Please make sure you review the letter or call the Utility Billing Department at 683-4139 to determine how these changes will affect your 2017 Utility Bills.

## Clean Audits for the City and TBD

The Washington State Auditor's Office has completed a Financial Audit of the City of Sequim and the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) for 2015. There have been no findings in City of Sequim audits in about 25 years. The TBD has also received clean audits since its inception in 2010.

Financial Audits check the adequacy of internal controls over financial reporting and ensure accurate financial statements and disclosures. The audit determined that both organizations' financial statements met the requirements of Washington state regulations and were fairly presented.

That State Auditor's Office is charged with auditing all agencies in Washington state. Their goal is for government to work better, cost less, and earn greater public trust.

The audit reports are available on the Washington State Auditor's Office website [www.sao.wa.gov](http://www.sao.wa.gov) and on the City of Sequim website [www.sequimwa.gov](http://www.sequimwa.gov). Please contact City of Sequim Administrative Services Director Sue Hagener at (360) 681-3426 or [shagener@sequimwa.gov](mailto:shagener@sequimwa.gov) with questions.

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